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How many – Read Rust – read Salamander – read Confessions read Conwell
My comments are all from prior written material – not any new research

BOMBS + MURDERS
PRINTED LITERARY FORGERIES
PRINTED CURRENCY FORGERIES
HANDWRITTEN ~~FORGERIES OF~~ DOCUMENT FORGERIES
HANDWRITTEN CURRENCY FORGERIES MARK FORGERIES
STAMPLESS COVER POST ~~ALTERATIONS~~
TOKEN FORGERIES

COMPARE OPERATION BERNHART in scope
BOOK OF MORMON missing pages
SALAMANDER LETTER HARRIS SIG –
ANTHON DOCUMENT
PONZI SCHEMES
MCCLELIN COLLECTION

BELIEVE OR NOT BELIEVE CONFESSIONS
Withholding by many involved & info
White paper 1849 Currency – tissue Niles
Seal
Dorsett Currency – paste up Newspapers – dyeing
Spanish Ink Corp – paper – marbling –
Ink – Hamilton – carbon iron (rust) Carbon 14
aging of ink. alligatoring.
Printing plates. C Clamp. Throw out
OATH OF FREEMAN Receipt
English type Bay Psalm Book
Keeping secrets

SALAMANDER the Story of the Mormon Murders
Linda Sillitoe and Allen D. Roberts (Salt Lake City 1988)

p. 46 ~~Salt~~ Shannon Flynn says he sold old mormon money and Jim Bridger note to Deseret Book for $20,000 — Check turned over to Mark Hofmann to use for repaying a bank loan in part.

p 110 throckmorton ~~telephones~~ Dean Jessee, BYU historian, "I think you've got yourself a three dollar bill," says Jessee.

p. 166 Deseret Currency ledger book in which serial numbers of early Mormon Currency had been registered. — photocopy in Hofmann's basement

p 168 Cooke-Clark Engraving Co in Denver said it made Deseret Currency plates. Two separate plates large + small denominations ordered by Hansen

p 169 Debenzole Engraving of Salt Lake made Oath of Freeman + a poem

p 203 Mark liked coins and made a clock with cut up coins for numbers.

p 205 Mark began a coin collection about age 15. He sorted through rolls of coins in the hospital and found some valuable ones. He sold a classmate a two headed buffalo nickel for $10 in a plastic case. The classmate returned it for refund when he opened it and saw it was an extra buffalo head embedded in the case

p 225 Mark read THE WORD by Irving Wallace - a story about a forgery put in a archeological dig, the detection of which led to murder.

p. 232 J. Simmonds knew Hofmann had a coin collection in 1979. Simmonds was in the Special collections library of Utah State Univ. Hofmann tried to sell Simmonds Mormon pioneer currency, ~~He~~ Simmonds was not interested in that or in Hofmann's "Nauvoo coin that pictured Joseph Smith as a U.S presidential candidate."

p. 244 Hofmann sold the Anthon ms to the LDS church for $20,000 payable in Mormon coins currency and a first edition of the Book of Mormon.

p 249 Hofman sold "blessing" by Joseph Smith dated at Nauvoo in 184X to LDS for $20,000 in trade for Mormon coins & currency, consisting of printed white notes (1845) - the following ~~Mormon~~ document to the reorganized LDS church for the Book of Commandments (RLDS only copy of exceedingly rare item) and their RLDS trade up with it.

p. 251 Al Rust was shown four handwritten white notes which were embossed with the seal which was missing. Hofmann sold them for $20,000 to Schmidt of the church and four more to Rust for $12,000 and some gold dust folders from the Bullock collection.

p 272 On a trip to USU library Hoffmann became interested in a ~~book~~ registry book for ~~the~~ Deseret Currency with serial numbers & got a photocopy

Plate 38 #1 Deseret Currency (Gen + Cef) illustrated

(Over)

p 398. Rust purchased two sets of Spanish Fork – one for 2500 one for #1500
Rust paid $25,000 for the Deseret Currency set plus it was unsigned. then
he bought 8 white notes to Rust. He then sold 4 to the Church and then 4 to Rust
for #12,000 ≈ Rust regarded Hofmann as a son. Rust sued Hofmann.

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p 444 Throckmorton says two types of Spanish Fork notes were forgeries. Matched plates from Salt Lake Stamp Co (rubber stamps + ink)

Deseret Currency notes matched Cocks Clarke Engraving Co in Denver A #1 was genuine – the #2 pieces were genuine but all higher denoms + some of the lower were forgeries.

p 418 Hofman + his wife took a course in calligraphy in 1981

p 415 Jacobs helped sell Deseret currency but not in obtaining it.

p 540 George J Throckmorton's Forensic Analysis of 21 Hofmann documents from 12/17/85 – 4/19/86.

Handwritten White Notes dated 1849
#3000 to #5000 value each embossed seal.
Blue haze, Uni directional running of ink, allegatoring, solubility, stain all indications of forgery

p 541-2 Spanish Fork Notes
Purchase price #1500 to #2500 per set Dec 1982
Rainbow set 10¢ 25¢ 50¢ $1.00 on grey card stock
red blue green yellow
5¢ 10¢ 25¢ initials at bottom crossed out
paper was inside cover of old book. Rub off letters were used to make art work for photography and some letters were found at Hofmann's house
Undirectional running Allegatoring, solubility, Printing flaws all indicate forgery.

p 545 Deseret Currency Price #1000 to 12,000 per set. Aug 1984
#1, 2, 3. 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 Machine printed on thin tissue type paper. Forty notes examined, 36 were of. Negatives + printing plates found in Denver. Genuine #1, 2, + 3 were photographed to make negatives and plates. Original art work for balance. Paper was to protect pictures in older books
Some defects

HOFMANN CONFESSIONS

B

p. 202 Deseret Currency. — Plates by Denver firm
Two plates, one in May 1984 one in June 1984.

There is a #1 and #2 plate. Xerox of originals retouched with a technical pen (fine pointed) to eliminate faults

There is a $3, $5 + $10 negative $5 + 10 Brigham Young printed

to
p. 202

There are two varieties of genuine #1, #2 and #3
A series has place for written sig of Brigham Young
B series has printed Brigham Young.

Different type faces used on $5 and $10 notes just as the original genuine #1, 2, 3 had each different type faces.
Used the same type faces used by Deseret News Print office at the time. Border from xerox, cut off + pasted on. Big numerals from 19th century document ~~& newspaper~~ ~~not identified~~.
bought up. Perhaps from Argosy. Some 20th century lettering was used, even typewritten letter. Paper from tipped in protectors for engravings. Taken from library of Univ of Utah. the paper differs because it come from different books. the ink was oxidized. Only made one set then
Later needed money & made other sets which were sold to Deseret Book Co, Rust and Ken Woodley. Plates destroyed after return from hospital. He burned them in the fireplace as they had wood backs.)
only three #100 notes. Two or three complete sets
Tom Welding had a set. the church has a set, Rust has a set.
Dick Marks has a set. Ink was lamp black, linseed oil and bee's wax. Pressed offprint, sprayed with fixer, acetone removes fixer. Folded & stomped on
Experts in detection who saw money were Al Rust
John Ford is considered by many an expert. Ford got a set then another party except for the #100.

#1 note	#1000 to #1500	$5	2000 to 2500	~~full~~ set
2 note	#1000 to 1500	#10	2000 to 2500	15000 to
3 note	1500 to 2000	20	$2000	20000
		50	$2000 to 2500	
		100	over #3000	

HOFMANN'S CONFESSIONS

A

p. 554 Hofmann said the police searches at his home were not very good — they left the plates. These were for the Deseret Currency, the postmarks & other items he would not describe. They were in a sock in a workroom closet on a shelf. Hofmann destroyed the plates when he was released from jail on bond.

p. 55-12 He stole the paper for the Salamander letter from Niles Register in Univ of Utah Special Collections Library

p. 55-14 Sold forged Daniel Boone letter to Kenneth Rendell

Sold $500,000 worth of forgeries to Charles Hamilton who never suspected anything.

p. 177 etc. Took genuine 1849 note dusted it with carborundum after coating with lacquer and then made an electrotype of it. It was a copper electro backed with heavy nickel that made the embossment. He made two seals, after destroying the first one after he made 8 handwritten 1849 notes and wanted to make mold. Moistened paper + pressed seal on it. Only one side was pressed not double embossment. Felt back was enough or hard rubber sheet this was done after writing was done and after aging was done.

p 181 The lacquer was rinsed off with acetone and the genuine original note sold with no damage evident. It was a $2.00 note because it had the best seal impression.

p 182 Spanish Fork Coop Inst notes - colored was made from a stamp made by Salt Lake City Stamp Co for the denoms the text was cut out of stationery & spanish ink. Rub off or press on lettering & border from other items. Photo to plate made of composite at Utah Engraving. Hofmann used equipment and photo-sensitized copper plates & etched with ferrochloride. Sold first set to Al Rust for $15,000. Rust took each second set from Rust & sold it to Dr Hanks of Arizona. One set to Mormon Church. Hofmann printed the text with one roller and a clamp or weight. Marbled back Spanish Fork made first. Used a flyleaf from a book in the Univ of Utah. Sold to Rust for $500. This set had a red 5¢ red 10¢ red 25¢. Probably only one set made.

p 1, col 3 written 1986 Hoffman then 31 born 12/7/54
Hoffman at age 12 (1967) purchase of a Kutted
bank not for #250

Part Two page 1 col 4

Traded Joseph Smith III blessing
for early Mormon money
mentions Rust book
in auctions

Hoffman had white notes + handwritten
valley notes
4 notes lost by Schmidt of
LDS Hist Dept
traded to Reorg Church of LDS

col 5 Rust saw white notes + then
Hoffman took 4 to church +
sold other 4 to Rust for $12,000

bot 9 more (never saw them) for
$27,000 from Hoffman
for $40,000, Darling paid

Part 2 p 2 col 1

rubber Stamp maker

10 25 50 $1.00

col 2 Spanish Fork sold to Rust

for $2500.00

another type $1500

on p 152, 153, 154

Dr Mary bot a set.

LDS bot a set.

p 3 col 2

Tried to trade lemonade kettle for $10 to $20 common sage

p 3 col 5 p 3-C

Deseret plate printer

Rust bot bills over $3 for $35,000

p 4-C

another set for Church

Rust got fine collection $1, 2, 3 bill

p 7-C col 2 another set of Deseret

+ a partial set

Sold set of Deseret for $18,000 + Valley

Notes for $20,000

Alvin Rust

801 — 363 4014 offic
801 —

He thinks his
1846 token is not a Hoffman forgery.
Traces it to the turn of the century.
Has had his token 15 years

Will consider letting our museum have a forgery.
Coming to Cincinnati

Has several hundred counterfeits.

Hoffman began in 1980 od currency in 1981.

Seal was missing for a while.

Will put addendum to books.

Tom Denly.

Harry Forman telephoned 8/1/58

He told me that:

Charles Hamilton had a set of Mormon notes
turned them over to Harmer Rooke for sale
sold to Tony Terranova
Terranova sold to John Roe
Roe sold to Ford

When the notes were known [redacted] forgeries.

Ford got his money from Roe
Roe got his money from Terranova
Terranova asked for refund from Harmer
ad debut sebit
Harmer asked Charles Hamilton for it
ad Hamilton filed under Chap XI
Harmer put them in an auction and
tried to withdraw when there were no
bids. Anton insisted on having
them auctioned. Anton bought them
for $200.00

Apparently Ford paid about $10,000. or 20,000
What the intervening changes were
is not known.

8/3/88 Gengerke mentioned my talk at the Baltimore Assn Society.
Martin Gengerke of Stacks told me [redacted]
that a red haired man (young) (where Gengerke worked)
went to Gengerke at NASCA [redacted] two (?)
of the handwritten gold dust notes.
He turned them down thinking they were
probably stolen. He referred the man
to John Ford who [redacted] in due course
bought them. Ford then called the
FBI later but Gengerke says before
the murders.

I asked about the Harmer Rooke
matter and he said that Harmer Rooke
bought from this same guy. This
contradicts the Hamilton source (Harry Forman) re Harmer
Rooke if these were the same pieces. If
they were other pieces then it doesn't.

Sept 9. 1988

Bob Campbell of Salt Lake City
801-467-8636

Said he had from Al Rust
a ~~cy~~ of Mark Hoffman's
#3 note. (Rust p. 76 Fig 88)
for $3,000.00
~~Mulonys~~ to Rust.

I refused to buy anything from Rust until he corrects his book, I also said the #3000 price was in my opinion much too high.

I was told that Rust printed 5000 of his book and had 3500 remaining unsold; that Rust was just back from a Mormon mission in England and that his wife was running the business.

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